

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-21 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 10, 19, and 21 are amended.

Claims 9 and 15 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 3, and 10 are amended to incorporate features of cancelled Claims 9 and 16. In addition, support for the new feature related to the navigation chaining information can be found in the specification on page 14, lines 14-15, on page 15, lines 18-23, and in other places.

Claim 19 and 21 are amended to recite audio-visual instead of AV.

No new matter was entered in view of these amendments.

Rejection of Claims 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Such claims are amended as to attempt to fix the problems noted by the Examiner. If such problems still exist, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' representative as to fix such problems.

Rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-8, 10-14, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Dinallo et al. (US 5,929,857, hereafter called 'Dinallo') and Collart et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2006/0181965, hereafter called 'Collart'). Applicants disagree with this ground of rejection.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner argued that Dinallo would teach in col.9, lines 44-52, method or device according to Claim 1, 3, and 10 wherein

said second portion of menu data contains navigation chaining information. However, Applicant replies that the disclosure of Dinallo with Collart refers to a "generic menu" that represents a fixed interface for user interaction (see col.9, l.16), i.e. an example where the DVD contains no navigation commands. As a result, a default user interface is generated. That is, if for navigating in Dinallo's menu "UP", "DOWN", "LEFT" and "RIGHT" keys can be used (which is not explicitly disclosed), their behavior is unclear. At least, there is no indication that Dinallo downloads navigation chaining information that might modify or define navigation behavior of the placeholder after replacement, or behavior of default menu buttons (as disclosed e.g. in Tab.2), or behavior of a different previously replaced placeholder. Neither Dinallo nor Collart, alone or in combination, recite the claimed features of Claim 1, 3, and 10.

For the reasons given above, Claims 1, 3, and 10 are deemed to be patentable over the cited prior art. In addition, the claims that depend on such allowable claims are deemed to be patentable as well.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' representative to discuss the pending claims so that the application can proceed to allowance. This includes any suggested claim amendments that would help close the prosecution of this application.

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